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Heroic Washington Volunteers advancing—Filipinos 300 yards in front—
Taguig, Philippines

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This is an old rice field near Taguig, about ten miles S. E. of the city of Manila. You are seeing a moment of *actual fighting* — not any mere tableau, but serious business — the real thing as it was going on March 20, 1899. These gallant fellows in Washington and Oregon regiments will remember the day as long as they live.

On the 17th a Washington company captured one hundred and fifty of the Filipinos near this spot and seized a quantity of ammunition. On the 18th the native forces attacked our men in return, killing two and wounding fourteen near a little church where the Americans were entrenched. At this moment you see our boys driving back the insurgents before a sharp fire of guns that mean business. The dark-skinned fugitives are only about eight hundred yards away, among the screening stems of those bamboos, but the bamboos will not save them. It is forward, and drop, and fire, again and again, and the chase is being kept up with untiring energy through the long, southern day. Two of our Washington men will never again see American sunshine — they have gone on to the Next Country. Twenty more have been picked out by Filipino bullets with enough effect so that they will have to retire to hospital beds for a while and let mother nature and the surgeons get them ready for another skirmish.

That low ridge over there at the right of the men is part of a system of banks or dikes customarily thrown up on a rice plantation like this, holding in place the water let in to irrigate this section. Rice is grown in shallow water, or else in soil made muddy by flooding during the planting season.

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Heroic Washington Volunteers advancing against Filipinos.

Volontaires héroïques de Washington avançant contre les Philippinos.

Geldemütige Washingtoner Freiwillige im Anmarsch auf Philippinos.

Heróicos voluntarios "Washington" avanzando contra Filipinos.

Hjelttemodiga Washington volontärer framträngande emot Filipinos.

Геройскіе вашингтонскіе волонтеры нападаютъ на Филиппинцевъ.